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CHARGES FILED AGAINST TUCSON RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN CARJACKING

TUCSON, Ariz. – Carlos Torres, 25, and Anastacia Leatherwood, 18, both of Tucson, Ariz., were formally charged here on March 16, 2005 with Conspiracy to Commit Robbery of a Motor Vehicle, in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 371 and 2119.

On March 4, 2005, at a Tucson, Ariz. carwash, Torres approached the owner of a 2002 Dodge Pickup truck and demanded the keys at gunpoint. The owner resisted and Torres thrust the handgun into the owner's stomach and cocked the hammer back. The owner was then forcibly removed from his truck and Torres sped away followed closely behind by Leatherwood.

A conviction for robbery of a motor vehicle or carjacking carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

A criminal complaint is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation was a collaborative effort in conjunction with Project Safe Neighborhood and the Violent Crime Impact Team. In addition to the U.S. Attorney's Office, this collaborative effort involves the Tucson Police Department, the Pima County Attorney's Office and ATF.

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Petermann, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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